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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

My dear Children,

In this January edition of EPICS let us discuss some important qualities required for a successful person. Make sure that you are gaining this qualities day by day and moving towards the goal to achieve success.

### 1. Burning Desire

The motivation to succeed comes from the burning desire to achieve a purpose. Napoleon Hill wrote, "Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, the mind can achieve." A burning desire is the starting point of all accomplishment.

### 2. Commitment

Integrity and wisdom are the two pillars on which to build and keep commitments. This point is best illustrated by a manager who told one of his staff members, "Integrity is keeping your commitment even if you lose money and wisdom is not to make such foolish commitments."

### 3. Responsibility

People with character accept responsibilities. They make decisions and determine their own destiny in life. Accepting responsibilities involves taking risks and being accountable which is sometimes uncomfortable. Responsible people don't think that the world owes them a living.

### 4. Hard work

Success is not something that you run into by accident. It takes a lot of preparation and character. Everyone likes to win but how many are willing to put in the effort and lime to prepare to win? It takes sacrifice and self-discipline. There is no substitute for hard work.

### 6. Positive believing/Thinking

Positive believing is a lot more than positive thinking. It is having a reason to believe that positive thinking will work. Positive believing is an attitude of confidence that comes with preparation. Having a positive attitude without making the effort is nothing more than having a wishful dream.

### 7. The Power of persistence

The journey to being your best is not easy. It is full of setbacks. Winners have the ability to overcome. Persistence means commitment and determination. There is pleasure in endurance. Athletes put in years of practice for a few seconds or minutes of performance.

Persistence is a decision. It is a commitment to finish what you start. When we are exhausted, quitting, looks good. But winners endure. Ask a winning athlete. He endures pain and finishes what he started. Lots of failures have begun well but have not concluded anything. Persistence comes from purpose. Life without purpose is drifting. A person who has no purpose will never persevere and will never be fulfilled.

Dear Children,Wish you a happy New Year 2016 and experience great things in this year.

## INJAZ INNOVATES ICSK (Senior)



INJAZ Kuwait, a leading institution that conducts educational programmes on entrepreneurial and leadership skills for the youth in Kuwait, conducted the INNOVATION CAMP for the class 11th science students at ICSK Senior branch on the 17th December, 2015. The programme started with the Islamic prayer by Shoaib and Susanne followed by an introductory speech by Dr. V.Binumon, Principal, ICSK (Senior) and a welcome speech by Mrs Usha Ramasubramanian, Head Of Commerce Dept.

The programme was hosted by Dana Winner who was assisted by her volunteers. The camp included various events which allowed the participants to discuss several sensitive topics and issues. The discussions focused on innovations, success and failures as well as entrepreneurial risks. Every programme had its own importance and helped in developing critical thinking, creativity and problem solving skills. The events included:

\***NAME BINGO**, where one had to find people matching with the skills written in the least possible time.

\***SKILLS TEST**, where one stood on the path to become entrepreneurs.

\***INTERVIEW**, where one invented a product and faced the media.

\***GROUP SEMINAR**, the highlight of the programme, in which a group of eight students were given some time to create a solution to a major problem (traffic control) as a product or service based on its features, cost, profit of the company and commercialization. This helped each one in developing their team work skills. The innovation camp was a great opportunity for people with different ideas to come together to find the best solution to many problems faced by the amateur entrepreneurs in the creation and development of their business.

## Ring the changes with the New Year

Every New Year holds the promise of change. If you are unhappy with what you are doing and where you are headed, the year 2016 bids you make a change. If you focus on results, you will never change. If you focus on change, you will get results.

Making New Year resolutions has become passé. Yet, it remains a simple and effective way of bringing about change in at least some aspects of your life, be it at the personal level or whatever. The goal of our change-oriented New Year resolutions isn't to just appear to be making progress; rather the goal is to improve. If there is no improvement, it is meaningless to change for the sake of change.

Though your New Year resolutions are always paved with good intentions, sooner or later down the road, you could find yourself off the track. You can overcome this daunting experience if, at first, you set a small and attainable goals for the year instead of gigantic ones. Secondly, you focus constantly on what you will do, not on what you will not do. Thirdly, you ought to maintain an ongoing accountability, no matter what!

The Editors of Epics wish to see you focus on change to bring good results which, after all, should be the hallmark of your hard work.

It is you, dear parents and students, as readers and contributors who have kept our journey on the success track. We salute each of YOU for your support.

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**Mr. Joseph Francis**

**Mrs. Tintu Wilson**



## MY SCHOOL

I take my breakfast so light  
And my dinner so tight  
But my day goes so right  
Seven crazy hours of my life!  
I get up for my school at eight  
And I start running like a rat  
I reach school late  
And get punishment which I hate!  
My classroom is so nice  
And my friends are so bright  
They study whole night  
Seven crazy hours of my life!  
Exams are so tough  
They hit me like a truck  
I write it so rough  
And I just wanna get out of this ruck!  
SEVEN CRAZY HOURS OF MY LIFE!



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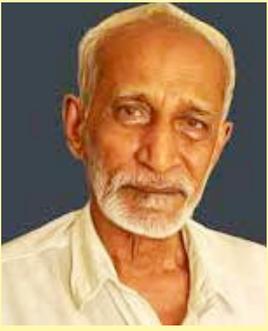
## FAREWELL TO MRS. V. GALHOTRA H.O.D, DEPT. OF HINDI



A warm and memorable farewell was arranged by the management and staff of ICSK, Senior on December 9th 2015, for Mrs. Viplesh Galhotra, senior staff and Head of Hindi Department in the school auditorium. Mrs. Viplesh Galhotra, a radiantly lit candle, emitted her light of deep knowledge and wisdom to several generations of students for more than three decades, depicting a truly lifetime achievement.

Mr. Vijay Karayil, Honorary Secretary (BOT), Dr. V. Binumon, Principal, ICSK (Senior), Dr. Sam T. Kuruvilla, Vice Principal, ICSK (Senior), Mrs. Gomathymurthy, Vice Principal (Junior Branch) and the entire teaching faculty graced the occasion with their presence. Nostalgic memoirs shared by many accompanied by the warm, heart touching melodies of swaranjali choir moistened the eyes of many. The ICSK fraternity expressed its undying love and gratitude to Mrs. Galhotra by presenting her with a marvellous memento and a best wishes card, signed by the entire ICSK teaching faculty. The farewell function concluded on a hospitable note with a sumptuous snack and a cherishable photo session.

# Man of the Millenium has Donated Rs. 30 Crore For Education of the Poor



A lot of people in this world have contributed for the mankind. But, only a few of them have been recognized and awarded for their work.

One out of the many who did a lot for the mankind and went unnoticed by our society, by our government, and by all of us is Palam Kalyanasundaram.

A man who donated his salary, in fact every single rupee of his earnings for

30 years. Not just the salary he got being a librarian for 30 years, but also his pension and later a whopping amount of Rs. 30 crore, which he received from several awards.

He was born at Melakarivelamkulam in Thirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. He is a gold medallist in library science, and also holds a masters degree in history and literature.

The person behind his inspiration to work for humanity is none other than his mother, who inspired him to serve the poor. Today, he is around 73 years old but the confidence and determination he carries with him shines out clearly when he exchanges words in his childlike, but high pitched tone.

With the will to serve humanity and making it as his guiding principle throughout his life, Kalyanasundaram diligently and willingly donated his every month salary towards charity for 35 years. He had been working at Kumarkurupara Arts College at Srivaikuntam all these days but did some odd jobs at the same time to meet his daily needs. The whole salary he gets at the college was donated to charity.

He even slept on railway platforms and pavements that is the bed for a lot of people in our country, to personally experience what a poor person in our country goes through. Not just during the days when he was employed and was earning some handsome salary, but even after his retirement, he decided to work as a waiter in a hotel for two meals a day for himself and a meagre salary so that he can keep on contributing to the orphanages and children's educational funds.

Kalyanasundaram says money does not impress him at all. "One can get money in three possible ways. First, through earnings; secondly, through parents' earnings, and thirdly, through money donated by someone. But there's nothing more fulfilling than being able to donate money for charity out of your own earnings."

For his service to humanity, he was awarded as the best librarian in India by The Union government, one of the 'noblest of the world' by The International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, and as one of the Most Outstanding People of the 20th century by the United Nations. He was also honoured as the Man of the Millennium award and Life Time of Service Award from Rotary Club of India in 2011.

This is not just a story but it's an inspiration; inspiration to think beyond ourselves, beyond our family members and loved ones. But at the same time, it is also very important that we donate and contribute for the right people and for the right cause. So, have a thought over it and try if you too can change someone's life.

This man who donated his salary for 30 long years is a role model and an example for humanity!

## Bloodstained Victory

The Kalinga war, the only major war Ashoka fought after his accession to throne, is one of the major battles in world history. Ashoka had seen the bloodshed with his own eyes and felt that he was the cause of the destruction. The bloodshed of this war is said to have prompted Ashoka to adopt Buddhism. This poem dwells on his thoughts on witnessing the carnage.

The stars are twinkling,  
The Moon adorns the night sky,  
Reflecting its splendor upon the Earth,  
Here I tread on this land of horror,  
Where blood is flowing like streams of red.

Here in this battleground,  
I stride, stride and stride,  
Corpses of friend and foe  
Engulfs this cursed sod,  
Guilt and shame jabs at my heart,  
The atrocity of war renders me frozen.

Vultures and eagles,  
Their cruel eyes piercing  
The blood bathed corpses,  
Hover over the battleground,  
Like messengers of death;

My heart beats rapidly,  
My shoulders render stiff,  
Agony and anguish torments my mind,  
As I behold the carnage I triggered,  
On this battleground that glorifies hell.

To nurture peace, harmony and love,  
To work for the good of mankind,  
I declare weapons as my foes;  
Humanity clutches my heart,  
And so does compassion,  
For the good of my fellow beings,  
I pledge all my life.



**PRATHYUSH  
DEVADAS-10C**

# AN EXPRESSION OF EXCELLENCE IN ICSK



Anesthesia, Al- Amiri Hospital, Kuwait was the Chief Guest. Mr. S. K. Wadhawan, Honorary Chairman exhorted the student community to emulate the performance of the award recipients. Dr. Krishna Galhotra applauded the indomitable spirit of the toppers and urged the student to bring laurels to the school in the future. The students were presented with mementoes to acknowledge their tireless effort and perseverance. The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Mrs. Manu Ann Varghese the project Co-ordinator .

The Indian Community School Kuwait honoured the toppers of both the AISSE and AISSE Exams conducted in March 2015. The school had its proud moment when twelve students were deemed as subject toppers for various streams. The school shimmered with cent percent result in all the three streams, the Science, Commerce and Humanities and has centum in Chemistry and Informatics. Out of the 267 students who appeared for the exam, 98.87% of the students secured first class, 73% students secured distinction and 55 students scored an aggregate of above 90% marks. To embark with the Science stream, Pavithra Kumar embellished the honour board with a top score of 96.6%. ICSK is immensely proud to own the Kuwait Commerce stream topper Nisha Susan Eappen with 96% marks. Adding grandeur to the Class XII Board performance, Monaliza Moses D'souza enlivens the Humanities stream with a commendable top score of 89.2%. ICSK owns the glory of also having 12 Kuwait

subject toppers this year. This year class X also passed out with an impressive 100% pass percentage, ICSK students have once again brought boundless joy to the school. 26 students have scored CGPA 10 with A1 in all the subjects. Among other noteworthy achievements of the students, 81 students scored A1 grade in English, 37 students got A1 in French and 13 students got A1 in Hindi, 31 students scored the top grade of A1 in Mathematics, 65 students in Science and 67 students secured A1 in Social Science.

The Programme commenced with the Islamic Prayer and the National Anthem of Kuwait. The Principal of the Indian Community School - Senior, Dr. V.Binumon welcomed the august gathering which comprised of esteemed members of the Board of Trustees, members of the Parent Advisory Council, Principals of the other branches and proud parents of the students. Dr. Krishna Galhotra, Department of

The amazing result reflects the perseverance, tenacity and hard work of the students and the faculty with the unstinted support of the management. Highly competent faculty and excellent infrastructure facilities coupled with remedial classes for under-achievers and special attention to the bright students has made this success possible. Reciting the hymn of success, ICSK resumes its journey, to gleam again with laudable victories in the prodigious field of education. The ICSK management, staff and students congratulate the achievers of ICSK for their stellar performance!



# CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS - JANUARY 2016



## TIME TO TRIUMPH-CBSE National Athletic Meet



In a stellar performance, Christa Vincent secured a silver medal in the high jump competition in the 20th CBSE National Athletic Meet held at Raipur from the 26th to 30th December 2015. She competed and won in the under-19 girls' category and is the only winner this year from Kuwait region.

A total of nine students represented the school at the national level. Jijo Jacob

reached the semi-finals of the 200m event in the Under-16 Category and 4x100 m Relay team entered the finals in the same category. This is the first time that a relay team from the Kuwait region has reached the finals at the nationals.

The management, staff and students of ICSK extend their heartiest congratulations to the athletes and the physical education teachers of ICSK who have brought laurels to the school.



"Success is not obtained overnight. It comes in installments; you get a little bit today, a little bit tomorrow until the whole package is given out. The day you procrastinate, you lose that day's success."

"Thoughts do more. Words do much. Actions do much more."

"If you really want to eat, keep climbing. The fruits are on the top of the tree. Stretch your hands and keep stretching them. Success is on the top, keep going."

"You MUST do what you love. Sometimes your passion will be the only thing that keeps you motivated."

# VISIONARY OF INDIA



G. Haritha  
11-A

**"Dreams, is not what you see in sleep, is the thing which doesn't let you sleep."**

The Missile Man of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the then President had self-effacing beginning. He was born on 15 October 1931 in the pilgrim site Rameswaram in the state Tamil Nadu.

Kalam graduated from the Shwartz Higher Secondary School, Ramanathapuram. Though he managed to have average grades he was described as a hardworking student with a strong desire to learn. He graduated from Saint Joseph College, Triruchirappalli in physics and went to Madras Institute of Technology to study Aerospace Engineering.

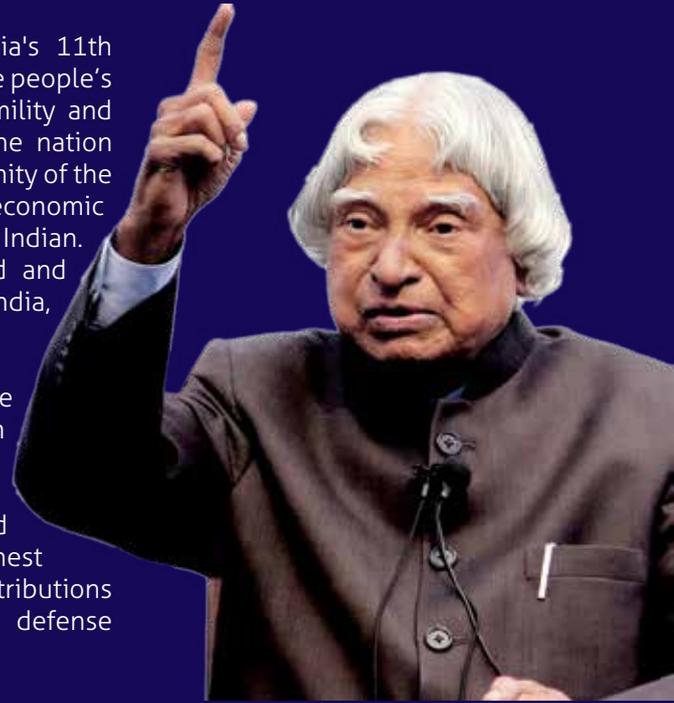
After graduating from the Madras Institute of Technology in 1960, Kalam joined the Aeronautical Development Establishment of the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) as a scientist. In 1969, Kalam was transferred to the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) where he was the project director of India's first Satellite Launch Vehicle which successfully deployed the Rohini satellite. Kalam was a key figure in the Pokhran-II tests. Although the tests resulted in condemnation and economic sanctions from other world powers, Kalam was hailed as a national hero for his staunch defense of the country's security.

In 2002, Kalam became India's 11th president. He was known as the people's president because of his humility and accessibility. His vision for the nation was based on equality, the dignity of the individual and social justice, economic and political, to every Indian. Only then can India succeed and everybody sing the song of India, he used to say.

Among his many accolades, he holds honorary doctorates from 40 universities and he was awarded The Padma Bhushan, The Padma Vibhushan and The Bharat Ratna - India's highest civilian awards - for his contributions in modernizing government defense technology.

Kalam's advisor Sirjan Pal Singh, his student at IIM Ahmedabad writes he was a teacher, mentor, guide, co-author, friend, boss from whom I received care like a mother and concern like a father. He had a voracious appetite for knowledge. He never departed on a journey without carrying a couple of books in his hand baggage. To him the world was truly flat, and there was no place for hierarchies and ranks in his life. He had the gift of empathy – and his memory of other people's difficulties was impeccable.

On 27 July 2015, Kalam travelled to Shillong to deliver a lecture on "Creating a Livable Planet Earth" at the Indian Institute of Management Shillong. Five minutes to his lecture he collapsed, his last words, to his aide Srijan Pal Singh, were reported: "Funny guy! Are you



doing well?"

India reacted to Kalam's death with an outpouring of grief; numerous tributes were paid to the former President across the nation. The Government of India declared a seven-day state mourning period as a mark of respect.

In a special gesture, Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon visited the Permanent Mission of India to the UN and signed a condolence book. "The outpouring of grief around the world is a testament of the respect and inspiration he has garnered during and after his presidency. The UN joins the people of India in sending our deepest condolences for this great statesman. May his soul rest in peace and eternity", Ban wrote in his message.

## ASTOUNDING FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR AMAZING HUMAN BOBY

- 1) Human fingers are so sensitive, that if your fingers were the size of earth, you could feel the difference between a house and a car.
- 2) With the 60,000 miles of blood vessels inside the average human body, you could circumnavigate earth two and a half time.
- 3) The human eye is so sensitive that if the earth were flat, you could spot a candle flickering at night from up to 30 miles away.
- 4) Nerve impulses travel to and from the brain at speed of up to 250 miles per hour, faster than formula race 1 car!
- 5) When you blush, the lining of your stomach blushes too.
- 6) Human brain can read upto 1000 words per minute.
- 7) You can see ultraviolet light, the ability is just filtered out by the eye's lens. Some people have undergone

surgery to remove the lens and can detect ultraviolet light

- 8) An adult is made up of (7 octillion) atoms. For prespective, there's a 'measly', 300 billion stars in our galaxy.
- 9) If the human brain were a computer, it could perform 38 thousand - trillion operation per second. The world's most powerful supercomputer Blue Gene, can manage only 0.002% of that!



ZAHBIYA-10D

# THERE IS ALWAYS A BETTER WAY

Hello friends, I am going to share with you a story which my father had given me to read. On reading this I was fascinated by the power of words and so I thought that I have to share this with you. After reading this I am sure you will also be transformed.....

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said:

"I am blind, please HELP."

There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words. Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving

money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were going. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?" "The man said, I only wrote the truth, I said what you said but in a different way." What he had written was:

TODAY IS A BEAUTIFUL DAY AND I CANNOT SEE IT

There are two lessons that we learn from this simple story.

The first is – Be thankful for what you have. Someone else has less, help where you can.

The second is – BE CREATIVE; BE INNOVATIVE; THINK DIFFERENTLY.



Anamika Anil  
XI B



FATEMA  
JIRUWALA - 12A

## TEACHER

You are a friend, philosopher and guide, whom I admire

Whose words and actions never fail to inspire.

You have always taught me to choose the path which is right

But your rebukes and anger are truly a fright.

You have supported me through thick and thin,

You sometimes act as a foe and sometimes a kin.

If I say goodbye to u,  
I will just fall apart,

Because you have always been in my heart.

## BEST STUDENTS DECEMBER



FATEMA SAIFEE  
12A



NADEER ALI  
12B



JOSEPH BEN  
12C



JOSHUA SHAJU  
12D



UMME SALMA  
12E



SANDRA SAM  
12F



SYED BAQIR  
12G



ANAND SURESH  
12H



BILAL MOHAMMED  
12J



MAYOOKHA  
BALAKRISHNAN-11A



AYSHA MUBEENA  
11B



SUSAN FATHIMA  
11C



PRIYANKA  
ELIZABETH -11D



SIMRAN TAKKAR  
11E



SOHAIB KHAN  
11F



HADASSAH ANGEL  
11G



FARIDA  
SAIFUDDIN-11H



ABDUL AZEEZ  
11I



DAVID THOMAS  
10A



DELTON LANCY  
D'SOUZA-10B



PRATHYUSH  
DEVADAS - 10C



SHABBIR MOHAM-  
MED HUSSAIN-10D



SHEEMA  
FATHIMA - 10F



YUSUF  
MOHIDDIN - 10G



GAYATHRI SURESH  
9A



FATEMA IZHAR  
9B



AKHIL JOSE  
ANTONY - 9C



EBIN SHIBU  
NANTHALATHU - 8A



SAFA JAVID  
RAWOOT-8B



DARREN SIJI  
SEBASTIAN - 8C

# Magnificent Closing Ceremony

## as Curtains Draw on ICSK PAC ARTS FEST 2015

The ICSK PAC Arts Fest 2015 came to a close with a spectacular ceremony at the auditorium of the Indian Community School Kuwait, Senior, Salmiya on 12th December, 2015. The impressive Grand Finale was a befitting culmination of the various competitions held across all the four branches of ICSK over the last one month. The ceremony opened with a brilliant display of laser lights with thundering fireworks sounds. The enthusiastic cheers of the parents and students in the packed auditorium energized the participants.

A total of 5020 students participated in the Arts Fest 2015 and 2500 awards were given out in various categories. The winners of the branch events vied for prizes in the exciting finals. ICSK Amman was adjudged the overall champion.

Mr. Juzar Ali, a renowned businessman and a philanthropist, was the Chief Guest for the occasion and a galaxy of distinguished persons from the Board of Trustees including the Honorary Chairman Mr. S. K. Wadhawan, Honorary Secretary Mr. Vijay Karayil, Honorary Joint Secretary Mr. Santhosh Mathew and other Board members were present at the event. The members of the elected Parent Advisory Council were at the helm of the ceremony with Mr. Santhosh Mathew and Dr. Prathap Unnithan breathing life into the event

with their lively compering. Principals of all the four branches, Vice-Principals and staff members graced the occasion. But the evening wholly belonged to the children who enthralled the audience with their breathtaking performances. The winners of various competitions were also presented with awards for their achievements in the Arts Fest.

Principal of ICSK Amman and convener of the Arts Fest 2015 Mr. Rajesh Nair C. welcomed the guests with his welcome address. In his Presidential address, Mr. S. K. Wadhawan lauded the efforts of the school for various achievements in curricular, co-curricular and sports activities. In his address, Mr. Vijay Karayil outlined the outstanding accomplishments of ICSK students in the year 2015. Further, he sketched out the advancements brought about at ICSK in terms of infrastructure, academics and other fields in the past few years. Mr. Juzar Ali, the Chief Guest, also an alumnus of the school, reminisced about his school days when such opportunities for children to showcase their creative talents were rare. The Parent Representatives to the Board of Trustees from Senior Branch Mr. Roy Abraham, Junior Branch Mr. Suresh K. P., Khaitan Branch Mr. Nizar K. V. and Amman Branch Mr. Santhosh Mathew shared their thoughts with the audience. 40 PAC convener Mr. Mathew

George also addressed the gathering. PAC Arts Fest convener Mr. Suresh Mathur presented the vote of thanks following which PAC member Mr. Joyal Jose set the tone for the evening with his medley of songs.

The judges of various competitions were felicitated for their invaluable support for event. The Chief Guest was presented with a memento. The PAC members recognized the support from the Honorary Secretary Mr. Vijay Karayil and presented him with a memento. The ICSK fraternity also presented a memento to Mr. Suresh Mathur and Mr. Mathew George. PAC representative to the Board of Trustees from all branches, Principals, PAC members, PAC Branch conveners, Teacher in-charges and others were also felicitated on the occasion.

The ICSK individual champions of the CBSE Kuwait Cluster Athletic Meet and the sports teachers were congratulated and honoured at the ceremony. Also, the winning ICSK Junior team at the National Science Congress organised by the Science International Forum was lauded for their extraordinary accomplishment.

Undoubtedly, it was an evening to remember!



# CBSE CLUSTER ATHLETIC MEET- KUWAIT REGION

The 17th Cluster Athletic meet of CBSE affiliated schools in Kuwait kicked off at the Kuwait Amateur Athletic Federation Stadium, Khaifan amidst the thunderous applause of the participating teams from 15 schools across the country. The meet which was held from November 29th to December 2nd 2015 witnessed the participation of 540 athletes in 66 events vying with each other for the coveted honours. The inaugural ceremony of this sports extravaganza was held on the 29th of November and His Excellency Major General Mohammad Ashab Uddin, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Kuwait graced this auspicious occasion.

Bijoy Sam Varghese, student of ICSK, the holder of two meet records in the under 16 category of CBSE Cluster, administered the oath to all the participants.

The Valedictory Ceremony of this Sports Spectacle was blessed with the benign presence of the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr.

Hussain Dashti, Dept. of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine; Kuwait University, who presided over the function.

Marching with victorious stride, The Indian Community School, Kuwait was crowned Champions for the consecutive 14th time with the total points of 353. Fahaheel Al Watniya Private School emerged as the runner up with 266 points.

This year, the winners of the 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes were conferred with medals and certificates and the individual champions, overall champions and runners up were awarded trophies sponsored by The Indian Community School, Kuwait. Special appreciation was accorded to the following athletes and schools who broke the meet record in this year's event.

The individual champions of this sports extravaganza were also honoured on this occasion: Under 14 Girls: Dinah Stephen (ICSK), Jijo Jacob Sam (ICSK),

David Thomas (ICSK). Under 19 Boys: Craig Rodrigues (ICSK). Under 19 Girls: Christa Filo Vincent (ICSK), Janet Florine Dsouza (ICSK).

The physical education teachers from all the schools in Kuwait were also recognized during the meet for their dedication in bringing out the future athletes of India.

The four day meet enthralled everyone and has left a trail of success for the years to come and the days to go by.



# CHARITY FUND

## BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2015

INCOME (NOVEMBER)		KD	EXPENDITURE (DECEMBER)		KD
Balance c/f from November		2,402.600	Mrs.Maram Reddy Lakshmy		150.000
			Mr. Rajendra Kumar		150.000
			Mr. Mohd Shahidyala		150.000
					<b>450.000</b>
Balance from November		1952.600			
Contribution from students (December 2015)		325.480			
Contribution from Staff and Well Wisher parent (December 2015)		143.000			
Balance in hand		2421.080			



## BIRTHDAY AND CHARITY FUND FOR DECEMBER : 2015 - 2016

CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total	CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total	CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total
XII A	-	13.170	13.170	XI C	1.000	12.500	13.500	X F	-	0.655	0.655
XII B	-	13.190	13.190	XI D	10.000	3.070	13.070	X G	-	5.620	5.620
XII C	-	5.850	5.850	XI E	-	4.730	4.730	IX A	24.250	26.085	50.335
XII D	-			XI F	-	4.210	4.210	IX B	7.000	6.490	13.490
XII E				XI G	5.000	8.230	13.230	IX C	3.000	44.800	47.800
XII F				XI H	2.000	7.580	9.580	VIII A	-	10.015	10.015
XII G				XI I	5.000	2.500	7.500	VIII B	4.500	4.980	9.480
XII H	10.000	-	10.000	X A	5.000	11.125	16.125	VIII C	-	6.255	6.255
XII J	-	5.640	5.640	X B	-	4.000	4.000	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80.750</b>	<b>244.730</b>	
XI A	-	5.240	5.240	X C	2.000	5.350	7.350	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>			<b>325.480</b>
XI B	2.000	19.105	21.105	X D	-	14.340	14.340				

## CHARITY CONVENORS - JANUARY 2016



SAYED WALEED  
-12J



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AKASH -11A



GOPIKA MADHUSU-  
DANAN PILLAI-11B



EILEEN MARIAM  
NINAN - 11C



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-11D



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CABRAL - 11E



VINNY KUNJAMMA  
ROY - 11F



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-11G



NOELA LUIS  
-11H



ABDUL AZEEZ  
-11I



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JOHN - 10A



SALIM - 10B



NILAY PRAFUL  
KUMAR-10C



ANJALI ANN  
-10D



JOHN MARSHAL-  
10F



KOUSHUB  
-10G



EDMON  
PEREIRA-9A



LARSEN  
LAWRENCE-9B



ENOK PRINCE  
- 9C



AVINASH KUMAR  
SEN-8A



MIR ALAMDAR  
HYDER-8B



PARAMVIR SINGH  
- 8C



Vritika Naik -  
XI A

# Net Neutrality

When we log on to the Internet via our computer or smartphone, we take a lot for granted. We assume we'll be able to access any website or use any application we want, whenever we want, at the fastest speed, whether it's a school website or a friend's blog. What makes all these assumptions possible is a principle called Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality means Internet freedom. It means you are free to access any kind of content on the Web without the fear of restrictions, being blocked, slowed down and other limits. Network neutrality is the guiding principle behind the freedom that Web users enjoy online.

Net neutrality in the context of the Web is somewhat new, but the concept of neutral, publicly accessible information and transfer of that information has been around since the days of Alexander Graham Bell. Basic public infrastructure, such as subways, buses, telephone companies, etc., is not allowed to discriminate, restrict, or differentiate common access, and this is the core concept behind net neutrality as well.

It has many pros. Net neutrality encourages creative expression. For example, a mom talking about her kids has the exact same opportunities to be heard online as the millionaire giving a talk to his stockholders via podcast. There are no restrictions on what or how much anyone can upload or download besides connection rates. Net Neutrality is crucial for small

business owners, who rely on the open Internet to launch their businesses, create a market, advertise their products and services, and distribute products to customers. An ISP (Internet Service Provider) could slow down its competitors' content or block political opinions it disagreed with. This would destroy the open Internet.

Just like a coin has two sides, net neutrality has another side too. ISPs, in addition to governments, can decide what parts of the Internet that people can access and what parts are blocked. ISPs can decide what types of services have preferred transfer rates. For instance, Google's Gmail could be fast while their competitors Microsoft's Hotmail could be slower, depending on how much both companies pay the ISPs.

There are many companies that have a vested interest in making sure that access to the Web is not freely available. These companies are already in charge of most of the Web's infrastructure, and they see potential profit in making the Web "pay for play". This could result in restrictions on what Web users are able to search for, download, or read. An example of a violation of net neutrality principles was the Internet service provider Comcast intentionally slowing uploads from peer-to-peer file sharing applications. A neutral internet does not discriminate between traffic; some greedy ISPs want to change that. Act now, save internet neutrality!

# Birthday Gallery DECEMBER



MOHAMMED FAHAD  
12E - DEC. 1



SANDRA SAJEEV  
9A - DEC. 1



ZAIBA  
9A - DEC. 1



ABIGAIL MARY YANG  
8B - DEC. 3



AMMAR YUSUF  
10G - DEC. 3



PATURI VENKATESH  
10G - DEC. 3



RASHA ASLAM  
11D - DEC. 3



STEVEN XAVIER GOMES  
12F - DEC. 3



JAVERI P  
11H - DEC. 3



NAJIHA ASHRAF  
9A - DEC. 4



NASIHA ASHRAF  
9B - DEC. 4



PRAVEEN JAMES  
11F - DEC. 4



AMINA ANWAR.P  
12C - DEC. 5



BATUL HUSSAIN  
10D - DEC. 5



JASSIL JAMALUDHIN  
12C - DEC. 5



KEVIN GEORGE  
12F - DEC. 5



MOHAMMED NAFISA  
9A - DEC. 5



JENNY S. GEORGE  
11G - DEC. 6



NOOR AMATULLAH  
11I - DEC. 6



JOEL ANTO  
8C - DEC. 7



FARSHAD MOHD  
12B - DEC. 8



KEVIN FRANCISCO  
11I - DEC. 8



MUHANNED PARKAR  
12C - DEC. 8



NABELA BEGUM  
8C - DEC. 8



ZAINAB H. SOLANKI  
11D - DEC. 8



ALEN TOM ABRAHAM  
12C - DEC. 9



MOHAN DODYA  
9B - DEC. 9



SAKINA MAZAHIR  
12G - DEC. 9



SHERIN SILLA STANLY  
11D - DEC. 9



CARL L PINTO  
12E - DEC. 10



GEETAM SHAH  
12C - DEC. 10



MUSTAFA ISMAIL  
12B - DEC. 10



ABBAS  
8B - DEC. 11



BUSHRA ABDUL SAMAD  
9B - DEC. 11



MALAIKA  
9A - DEC. 11



PATHAN SAAD KHAN  
10A - DEC. 11



SHEBIN T. JOHN  
12B - DEC. 11



ADNAN P. MURTAZA  
11I - DEC. 12



AMATULLAH ASGAR ALI  
10G - DEC. 12



ASMA PATAN  
12F - DEC. 12



ATHIRA SREELA RAVI PRASAD  
10D - DEC. 12



UMANG CHAUDARY  
12E - DEC. 12



FRANCESCA ANNE  
10A - DEC. 13



KEENAN L. DSOUZA  
10B - DEC. 13



TUAN RIZVAN  
11C - DEC. 13



BERTLLA RITHU JJO  
9A - DEC. 14



M. H. ASHIRA  
10G - DEC. 14



PRANAV  
8C - DEC. 14



SNEHA ASHOK  
11F - DEC. 14



YASH THAKKAR  
9A - DEC. 14



HUSSAIN HAKIMUDDIN  
9A - DEC. 15



AJAZ HUSSAIN HAKIM  
11E - DEC. 16



AYSHA MUBEENA  
11B - DEC. 16



SHEEMA FATIMA  
10F - DEC. 16



AKASH CHANDRAMOHAN  
10C - DEC. 17



ASMA SYED  
9C - DEC. 17



JOEL V  
10F - DEC. 17



POOJA GOPIKRISHNAN  
12B - DEC. 17



THOMAS P. CHANDRY  
11A - DEC. 17



FAZALULLAH  
12D - DEC. 18



NIMIT THAKKAR  
12B - DEC. 18



ASMA BASHIR  
11B - DEC. 19



JULIANA CELINE PEREIRA  
12A - DEC. 19



KABILA GNANASEGAR  
9B - DEC. 19



TARIQ AHMED  
10C - DEC. 19



BRANDON  
11C - DEC. 20



FUAD ABDURAHIMAN  
10A - DEC. 20



JAINY A PRINSON  
11I - DEC. 20



NAWAL SHAIKH  
9A - DEC. 20



PAVAN KUMAR  
11H - DEC. 20



UMME SALMA  
12E - DEC. 22



VISHNU DUTTHAAN  
11B - DEC. 22



AYISHATHUL ABIDA  
12A - DEC. 23



TANIYA  
12J - DEC. 23



AJMAL JAMAL  
12H - DEC. 24



LIJAMOL VARGHESE  
10A - DEC. 24



MOHAMED SADIK  
11B - DEC. 24



RAYYAN ABUBUCKER  
11B - DEC. 24



SREE R MENON  
12H - DEC. 24



NEHA SURESH MATHUR  
11B - DEC. 25



SADAF IQBAL SHAIKH  
12D - DEC. 25



SAFA HUSSAIN  
12H - DEC. 25



VALERIO N. VIEGAS  
12G - DEC. 25



ALI ASGAR  
12F - DEC. 26



DIANA JEFFREY CABRAL  
11E - DEC. 26



FALAK JAHAN  
12G - DEC. 26



HALIMA SYED  
12G - DEC. 26



MURTAZA  
12E - DEC. 26



NIDHI THOMAS  
11E - DEC. 26



FAHD ANWAR KHAN  
11E - DEC. 27



NEETHU THOMAS  
12F - DEC. 27



TALHA IMADI  
12C - DEC. 27



ISRAA YUNUS KHAN  
8B - DEC. 28



ASHIQ THALAL  
12J - DEC. 29



AYSHA SHAMSUDHEEN  
12D - DEC. 29



RUKAIYA SHABBIR  
11G - DEC. 29



RUPALI JAIN  
8A - DEC. 29



SHRIYA RAJAGOPAL  
11F - DEC. 29



MANNAH ACHU ALEX  
9B - DEC. 30



ZENAB AKBAR ALI  
12G - DEC. 31



MRS. GANGAMA  
DEC.3



MRS. MARIAMMA  
SHAJI - DEC.5



MRS. KAVITHA ANIL  
ANTONY - DEC.10



MRS. SUNITHA  
GEORGE - DEC.18



MRS. MERINE JOBY  
- DEC.23

## ICSK Bags Kuwait-Cluster Athletic Championship for *14th Time*



Winning Streak Continues With 4 New Meet Records & 6 Individual Championships

The athletic team of the Indian Community School, Kuwait set a record with an unparalleled 14th consecutive Championship Trophy at the recently concluded 17th CBSE Kuwait-Cluster Athletics Meet 2015. ICSK won the trophy by securing 353 points. Also to the credit of ICSK athletes are 20 gold medals, 16 silver and 13 bronze medals. Commendably, 4 new meet records and 6 individual championships were

bagged by the champion school.

Christa Filo Vincent set the meet record with her high jump win in U-19 girls' category. Jijo Jacob won the 1st position in 200m U-16 boys' category and set new meet record. Dinah Stephen set meet record with her victory in the 100mts. U-14 girls' category. The 4X100 mts U-16 boys' relay event was won by the ICSK team comprising Jijo Fernandes, Favin Fernandes, Terrence Braganza, Cyrus Rodrigues and Athil Umar Kari.

The individual champions from ICSK are

Dinah Stephen of class VIII, Jijo Jacob of class X, Christa Vincent of class XI, David Thomas of class X, Craig Rodrigues of class XII and Janet D'Souza of class XII.

ICSK was also declared the category champions in the U-14 Girls', U-16 Boys', U-19 Girls' and U-19 Boys' categories.

The management, staff and students of the ICSK extend hearty congratulations to athletes and physical education teachers of the school who continue to bring laurels to the school.

# MAJOR EVENTS of 2015 in India

26 January 2015, India celebrated its 66th Republic Day:



8 April 2015, The Padma awards were given at the Rashtrapati Bhawan



1 July 2015, The Digital India programme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi:



31 January 2015, Agni V the part of the Agni series of missiles was test launched:



The Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Bank (MUDRA Bank) was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The financial institution aims to provide financing to small entrepreneurs:



21 July 2015, Surakshit Khadya Abhiyan was launched by Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution:



28 February 2015, Union Budget presented to the Parliament by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley:



10 April 2015, India completed evacuating citizens from Yemen, and announced the closure of embassy (4,640 Indians and 960 nationals from 41 other countries were evacuated):



15 August 2015, India celebrated its 69th Independence Day:



24 March 2015, Supreme Court of India declared Section 66A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 unconstitutional:



25 April 2015, a 7.9 Richter scale earthquake occurred in Nepal. Parts of north India were affected:



26 August 2015, Demonstrations demanding reservations for the Patel community began in Gujarat:



27 March 2015, Bharat Ratna was awarded to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee:



May 2015, The Akash missile was inducted into the Indian Army:



25 September 2015, Anti-India protests erupted in Nepal over the blockade of trade routes:



29 March 2015, India began to evacuate its citizens from Yemen:



4 June 2015, 20 army personnel were killed and 11 were injured in a militant attack in Manipur:



22 October 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Amaravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh:



30 March 2015, Bharat Ratna awarded to freedom fighter Madan Mohan Malaviya posthumously:



21 June 2015, The first International Yoga Day was held:



24 October 2015, Ministry of Defence approved the induction of women as combat pilots in the Indian Air Force:



# ALL THAT GLITTERS - THE ALCHEMY OF SCHOLAR BADGE

## SECONDARY



KARTIKEYAN SURESH  
X B



RITHIKA RAGHUPATHY  
IX B



RUDRA VIPUL PATEL  
VIII B



VRITIKA V. NAIK - XI A  
SCIENCE



AKHILESH A. JOSEPH - XI E  
COMMERCE



ALAMELU INDIRA - XI F  
COMMERCE



NAMRITA SHANKER - XI G  
HUMANITIES

## SENIOR SECONDARY

## SENIOR SECONDARY



SHEBIN T. JOHN - XII B  
SCIENCE



ASHLY REJI - XII E  
COMMERCE



SAFIA RILWANA - XII G  
COMMERCE



ANAND SURESH NAIR - XII H  
HUMANITIES

## GOOD WILL AMBASSADORS



SANDRA SAJEEV  
IX A



ROSERANI JOSE  
XI B

## A TRIP TO ENTERTAINMENT CITY



On November 28th 2015, the staff and students of ICSK Senior were all set ready for the most awaited day of the year. Yes!!! It was the annual picnic to Kuwait's wonderland, The Entertainment City. It was a long drive before the batch reached the venue at 9.30 Am. The students waited no longer and immediately got in to all the rides. After the morning refreshments were served, the students were once again back on rides. Among the rides, the roller coaster, energy storm and wild raft were the most visited and enjoyed. Apart from the rides, students also enjoyed visiting the local shops and food court. After a long and tiring morning, at around 2Pm everyone retired to the food courts and had a hearty lunch. A few more hours were then spent exploring the park. And then at about 4.20 PM, the students boarded their respective buses and headed back to the school. It was surely an enjoyable and memorable for all involved and gave the students memories to cherish for a life time. The students expressed their gratitude to the management, Principal and teachers in charge without whom this would not have been possible.

Student Name: .....

Class : ..... Section: ..... Roll No.: .....

Serial No.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, the parent of ..... studying in class ..... section .....

hereby, acknowledge the receipt of the January, 2016 edition of the ICSK Senior Monthly Magazine, EPICS.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Name: .....

# BEST CLASSES DECEMBER 2015

## Secondary



1st - 9A

## Senior



1st - 11B



2nd - 10A



2nd - 11A



3rd - 8A



3rd - 11C



3rd - 10B



## Forthcoming Events



- Farewell to class XII
- Pre Board exam for class XII
- Model Exam for classes 9 & 10
- AISSCE Practical for class XII
- 2nd semester examination for class XI
- Graduation day



1. Who has been named BCCI Cricketer of the Year 2015?
2. Which state became the first state in the country to accept electronic motor insurance policies?
3. Who has won the 2015 Costa Novel Prize?
4. On which date, the World Braille Day is observed?
5. In context to India's defence system, "Pinaka II" refers to what?
6. Who has won the gold in the women's 10 metre air rifle event at the Swedish Cup Grand Prix?
7. The "fountain of oneness" is located in which city?

1. Virat Kohli  
2. Telangana  
3. The British writer, Kate Atkinson has won the 2015 Costa novel award for her novel "A God in Ruins", the companion novel to "Life After Life";  
4. The World Braille Day is observed every year on January 4 across the world to commemorate the birth anniversary of Louis Braille. Louis Braille invented the Braille language which helps blind people to read as well as write. The day helps people to feel the importance to produce works in the Braille language to allow blinds to read the works.  
5. The Indian Army has successfully completed user-assisted trials of Pinaka II, a multi-barrel rocket launcher (MBRL) system, at Pokhran field firing range in Rajasthan, India.  
6. Apurvi Chandela has won the gold in the women's 10 metre air rifle event at the Swedish Cup Grand Prix with a score of 211.2 points.  
7. The unique architectural structure "Fountain of oneness" has been opened by the Sant Nirankari Mission in Nirankari Sarovar Complex at Burari Road, Nirankari Chowk in Delhi (North). The visitors can experience a divine show of music, light and water in evening time on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The fountain gives the message of the oneness of mankind and the four pathways of the architecture depict people from varied religions, cultures and languages to come together at one place and join hands with love, affection and brotherhood.



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